Targeted increase in the number of primary schools

1504. SHRI MD. SALIM:
SHRI E. BALANANDAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the number of Primary Schools that will be needed per year with a view to reaching the target of total literacy by 2005 A.D. taking into account the annual increase in our population at the rate of 1.9 per cent per year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): It is primarily the responsibility of State Governments to provide facilities for primary education. State Governments work out their annual requirements of primary schools in keeping with the norms prescribed for this purpose and the availability of funds.

Primary schools without buildings

1505. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of primary schools in the country, particularly in the State of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Rajasthan which are not having their own buildings.

(b) whether Government propose to taken any action in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) According to the 5th All India Educational Survey, there were 2.63 lakh primary schools in the country, which were deficient in class rooms. The number of such schools in the States of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Rajasthan were as follows:—

Sl. No.	State	Number of Primary Schools deficient in Class Rooms
1.	Punjab	2389
2.	Haryana	900
3.	Uttar Pradesh	33283
4.	Bihar	36286
5.	Rajasthan	9413

(b) and (c) Construction of school buildings is primarily the responsibility of State Governments. Nevertheless under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Operation Blackboard, which was initiated in 1987, one of the objectives is to provide all primary schools with two all weather classrooms, a deep verandah and separate toilet facilities for boys and girls. In consultation with the Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment, this Department has worked out a formula under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) according to which States are provided with matching funds for construction of the targets under Operation Blackboard. So far 1.74 lakh classrooms have been constructed under the scheme in the country.

(d) Does not arise.

Unsafe Rail terminus at Kurla and Bandra

1506. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of certain complaints about the unsafe newly-built railway terminus at Kurla and Bandra in Mumbai, particularly the Kurla Terminus; for which there is no approach road; and

(b) if so, the rationale behind constructing such unsafe terminus and by when these terminus would be having proper facilities, including safe approach roads?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) No complaints have been received about the safety of these terminus. However, there have been certain representations from the public about the inadequacy of the approach roads to Bandra and Kurla Terminus stations.